

--Abstract of the Invention

The invention provides a vacuum cleaner comprising an airflow path having a dirty air inlet (14) and a clean air outlet (44e), a fan (48) for drawing an airflow along the airflow path from the dirty air inlet (14) to the clean air outlet (44e), a motor (50) for driving the fan (48), separating apparatus (18) for separating dirt and dust from the airflow, a pre-motor filter (32) arranged upstream of the motor (50) and a post-motor filter (42) arranged downstream of the motor (50), wherein both the pre-motor filter (32) and the post-motor filter (42) are cylindrical filters. The invention further provides a vacuum cleaner comprising an airflow path having a dirty air inlet (14) and a clean air outlet (44e), a fan (48) for drawing an airflow along the airflow path from the dirty air inlet (14) to the clean air outlet (44e), a motor (48) for driving the fan (50), separating apparatus (18) for separating dirt and dust from the airflow, a pre-motor filter (32) arranged upstream of the motor (50) and a post-motor filter (42) arranged downstream of the motor (50), wherein the post-motor filter (42) is housed in a casing (44) containing a plurality of slots or apertures (44e), the slots or apertures (44e) forming the clean air outlet and being arranged such that, in use, the airflow is diffused as it leaves the clean air outlet.--